

BOARD OF FINANCE

April 23, 2014

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Finance held at 7:00 P.M., on Wednesday, April 23, 2014.

Members Present: First Selectman Freda, Mr. Monico, Mr. Hallahan, Mr. Pieper, Ms. Vissicchio, Mr. Lianos, Ms. Brown

Also Present: Director of Finance Edward J. Swinkoski

The following materials were either mailed to the members prior to this meeting or distributed at this time:

1. Agenda – April 23, 2014
2. Resolutions (3), Budget to Annual Town Meeting

FINALIZE FY 2014-15 BUDGET

Mr. Monico said that the robo-call was made last night to 6,222 residents. He then asked Ms. Goodkin to go over the results.

Ms. Goodkin went over in detail the results of the robo-call survey. 1,370 voted in favor of a 0% increase (66.3%) while 695 (33.7%) voted in favor of a .24 mill tax increase. A total of 2,065 responses were received. Dropped calls could have been the result of speaker phone, background noise, cell phone hands free, and hang-ups.

Mr. Freda and Mr. Monico reaffirmed their belief that a zero-increase budget was important to avoid jeopardizing the passage of the Middle School bonding referendum in June, which they classified as 'the highest priority' for North Haven.

Mr. Hallahan asked that the Board revisit other capital requests, at the beginning of the next fiscal year, to see if it might be possible to satisfy critical needs prior to the next budget process. The Board indicated that they would take it under consideration

Further discussion followed.

Mr. Lianos then moved the following:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Finance recommends a Town Government Budget for FY 2014-2015 in the amount of \$40,806,602.

Seconded by, Ms. Vissicchio.

VOTE:	Freda- Yes	Monico - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Pieper - Yes	Vissicchio - Yes	Lianos - Yes
	Brown - Yes		

Mr. Pieper then moved the following:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Finance recommends a Board of Education Budget for FY 2014-2015 in the amount of \$48,051,239.

Seconded by, Mr. Lianos.

VOTE:	Freda- Yes	Monico - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Pieper - Yes	Vissicchio - Yes	Lianos - Yes
	Brown - Yes		

Mr. Hallahan then moved the following:

RESOLVED: That a Total Budget for FY 2014-2015 in the amount of \$88,857,841. (Town \$40,806,602 - Board of Education Budget of \$48,051,239.) be presented to the Annual Budget Town Meeting to be held on Monday, May 12, 2014.

Seconded by, Mr. Lianos.

VOTE:	Freda- Yes	Monico - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Pieper - Yes	Vissicchio - Yes	Lianos - Yes
	Brown – Yes		

PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion followed for approximately one hour with residents asking questions and making recommendations.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Monico moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM, seconded by Mr. Freda.

VOTE:	Freda- Yes	Monico - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Pieper - Yes	Vissicchio - Yes	Lianos - Yes
	Brown - Yes		